Theory.

- <u>a first layer comprising</u> thermoplastic polyurethanes and, [adhering] <u>adhered</u> thereto
- (ii) <u>a second layer comprising</u> microcellular polyurethane elastomers [with] <u>having</u> a density of from 300 to 700 kg/m³, a tensile strength to DIN 53571 of from 3 to 8 N/mm², an elongation at break to DIN 53571 of from 350 to 550%, a tear propagation resistance to DIN 53515 of from 8 to 30 N/mm and a rebound resilience to DIN 53512 of from 50 to 60%.
- 2. (Amended) A process for producing composite elements as claimed in claim 1 [by] comprising preparing said second layer (ii) in the presence of said first layer (i) [which] wherein formation of said first layer (i) comprises [basing (i) on] the reaction of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds reactive to isocyanates, [if desired] optionally in the presence of (d) catalysts and/or (e) auxiliaries and/or additives, where the ratio of the isocyanate groups present in (a) to the groups present in (b) [and reactive to isocyanates] is greater than 1.06:1.
- 3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ratio of the isocyanate groups present in (a) to the groups present in (b) [and reactive to isocyanates] is from 1.1:1 to 1.2:1.
- 4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein said second layer (ii) is prepared in a closed mold in contact with (i) by reacting a prepolymer having isocyanate groups with a crosslinking agent component comprising (c) blowing agent, (d) catalysts and (e) auxiliaries and/or additives.



5. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the preparation of <u>said</u>

<u>second layer</u> (ii) is preceded by degreasing that surface of <u>said first layer</u> (i) to which

<u>said second layer</u> (ii) adheres.

- 6. (Amended) A process as oranged in claim 4, wherein the crosslinking agent component comprises (c) water, (d) catalyst and, [as] <u>auxiliaries and/or additives</u> (e) [,] <u>selected from the groups consisting of polysiloxanes sulfated castor oil [or] and nalkylbenzenesulfonic acids having from 9 to 15 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical.</u>
- 7. (Amended) A composite element [obtainable] obtained by a process as claimed in [any one of claims, 2 to 6] claim 2.

(Amended) A damping element in automotive construction comprising composite elements as claimed in claim 1[or 7].

## Add the following new claims.

- 10. (New) A composite element obtained by a process as claimed in claim 3.
- 11. (New) A composite element obtained by a process as claimed in claim 4.
- 12. (New) A composite element obtained by a process as claimed in claim 5.
- 13. (New) A composite element by tained by a process as claimed in claim 6.
- 14. (New) The use of composite elements as claim in claim 2 as damping elements in automotive construction.
- 15. (New) The use of composite elements as claim in claim 3 as damping elements in automotive construction.
- 16. (New) The use of composite elements as claim in claim 4 as damping elements in automotive construction.